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INTRODUCTION

This edition of *Library Consumer Resources* contains a listing of the most up-to-date publications available in the field of consumerism.

It is designed to assist librarians in identifying consumer materials considered to be useful additions to a public library collection. Items selected were chosen from publications available in the Resource Centre. All materials listed are still in print and complete ordering information has been provided for each entry, although prices quoted are an estimate only. Canadian material is indicated by an asterisk.* To purchase any of the materials listed, consult the publishers, producers and suppliers index for addresses, or contact your local book store.

The section on Associations and Organizations contains a directory of selected Canadian agencies active in the consumer field. Whenever possible, Edmonton and Calgary addresses are provided.

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SOURCES OF FREE AND INEXPENSIVE MATERIALS

Alberta Agriculture. Publications List.

Edmonton: The Department, annual.

Covers a variety of household topics, agricultural pamphlets, and information sheets.

Available from: Alberta Agriculture Publications Cost: Free

Selected U.S. Government Publications.

Washington, DC: Superintendent of Documents, irregular.

Complete ordering information is provided for U.S. federal publications of interest to the public.

Available from: Superintendent of Documents Cost: Free

Several government agencies and organizations regularly issue news releases and fact sheets of interest to consumers. The following is a selected list of sources:

Canadian Standards Association 178 Rexdale Blvd. Rexdale, ON M9W 1R3 Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada Backgrounders on various subjects 50 Victoria Street, Place du Portage Hull, PQ K1A 0C9

Retail Council of Canada "Information Service" Suite 600, 210 Dundas Street W Toronto, ON M5G 2E8

A CBC television program, "Marketplace", publishes fact sheets on a variety of topics. Send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to:

Marketplace Box 2000 Station A Toronto, ON M5W 2A2

The listing of Associations and Organizations which appears in this booklet provides additional contact suggestions.

2 DIRECTORIES

Consumer Directory. The Hague, Netherlands:

International Organization of Consumers Unions, annual.

An international guide to government and private consumer organizations working on consumer issues.

Available from: IOCU Central Office

Cost: \$18.00

*Directory of Associations in Canada. Toronto: Micromedia Ltd., annual. (ISSN 0316-0734)

A directory of active non-governmental associations in Canada, includes addresses for branches, chapters and regions. The subject index classifies associations by types of activities.

Available from: Micromedia Limited Cost: \$180.00

*A Guide to Government Grants in Alberta. Edmonton:

Oakdale Publishing, annual. (ISBN 0-9692836-0-1)

A descriptive guide to the federal and provincial grants available to Albertans. Includes information on how to apply for a grant.

Available from: Oakdale Publishing Co.,

Division of Spectrum Marketing Corporation

Cost: \$29.95

U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs. Consumer's Resource Handbook. Pueblo, CO: Consumer Information Centre, annual.

An American consumer assistance directory of use to Canadians. Lists corporate consumer contacts, Better Business Bureaus and Federal agencies. Includes information on how to be a smart consumer, how to handle complaints and how to avoid purchasing problems.

Available from: Consumer Information Centre Cost: Free

Wasserman, P., and Morgan, J., ed. Consumer Sourcebook. Detroit: Gale, annual. (ISSN 0738-0518)

Directory of U.S. organizations, government agencies, media services and companies.

Available from: Gale Research Cost: \$185.00

3 STATISTICAL SOURCES

While Canadian almanacs are good sources of statistics, the chief supplier is Statistics Canada. A single copy of their annual catalogue describing their publications and prices is available for \$10.00 by contacting:

Statistics Canada Publications Sales and Service Ottawa, ON K1A 0T6

For information about the *Consumer Price Index* or any other Statistics Canada publication, contact:

Statistics Canada 8th floor, Park Square 10001 Bellamy Hill Edmonton, AB T5J 3B6 495-3027

Following is a selected list of Statistics Canada publications of interest to consumers:

62-001 *Consumer Price Index* (Monthly) Bilingual. First issue, January 1935. (ISSN 0703-9352)\$8.90 a copy; \$89.00 per year.

62-010 Consumer Price and Price Indexes (Quarterly) Bilingual. First issue, December 1975. (ISSN 0380-691X)\$17.25 a copy; \$69.00 per year.

For other statistical information contact:

Alberta Bureau of Statistics Suite 600 Park Plaza 10611 - 98 Ave. Edmonton, AB T5K 2R7 427-3058 Agricultural Prices and Indexes. Farm Input Prices and Retail Food Prices in Edmonton and Calgary (Monthly)

> Available from: Alberta Agriculture Statistics Branch

Cost: Free

4 PERIODICALS AND NEWSLETTERS

CSA and the Consumer (Quarterly) CSA Consumer Editor 178 Rexdale Boulevard Rexdale, ON	Consumer Times (Intermittent) Saskatchewan Family Foundation Box 3000 Regina, SK
M9W 1R3 Free	S4P 3V7 Free
Canadian Consumer (Monthly) Consumers' Association of Canada 49 Auriga Drive Ottawa, ON K1G 3T9 \$25.00	Consumers Union News Digest (Bimonthly) C.U. News Digest Box 2029 Norwalk, CT 06852 \$48.00 U.S.
Canadian MoneySaver (9 x year) Canadian Money Saver Inc. Box 370 Bath, ON K0H 1G0 \$17.00	FDA Consumer (10 x year) Superintendent of Documents U.S. Government Printing Office Washington, DC 20402 \$15.00 U.S.
Choice (Monthly) Australian Consumer's Association 57 Carrington Road Marrickville, N.S.W. 2204 Australia \$56.00 Australian	Family Economics Review (Quarterly) Superintendent of Documents Government Printing Office Washington, D.C. 20402 \$6.25 U.S.
Consumer Close-Ups (9 x year) Consumer Economics & Housing Van Rensselaer Hall Cornell University Ithaca, NY 14853 \$10.00 U.S.	Gold Book of Used Car Prices (Monthly) Sanford Evans Communications 1077 St. James Street Box 6900 Winnipeg, MB R3C 3B1 \$90.00
Consumer Reports (Monthly) Consumers Union Subscription Department P.O. Box 5300 Boulder, Colorado 80322 - 3000 \$24.00 U.S.	Journal of Consumer Research (Quarterly) Journal of Consumer Research Graduate School of Management 632 TNRB Brigham Young University Provo, Utah 84602 \$81.00 U.S.

Money (Monthly)

Money

Box 54429

Boulder, CO 80322-4429

\$33.95 U.S. Which (Monthly)

Consumers Association

Castlemead, Gascoyne Way

Hertford, England

SG141LH

£39

Sound and Vision (Bimonthly)

Chimo Media Ltd.

250 The Esplanade, 5th Floor

Berkeley Castle

Toronto, ON M5A 1J2

\$10.00

Zillions (Bimonthly)

Consumers Union

Box 54832

Boulder, CO 80322

\$11.95 U.S.

5 PERIODICAL INDEXES

Consumers' Index to Product Evaluations and Information Sources (Quarterly)

The standard guide to product tests and evaluations. More than 100 magazines are indexed, with information arranged by broad topic headings.

Available from: Consumers' Index P.O. Box 1808 Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Cost: \$188.00 annually U.S.

Each issue of *Canadian Consumer* and *Consumer*Reports magazines contains a cumulative index to articles and test reports.

Publications such as the Canadian Periodical Index, Canadian Magazine Index, and the Canadian Business Index are also useful for obtaining relevant articles on consumer topics.

6 BUYING GUIDES

*Canadian Toy Testing Council. Toy Report. Ottawa:

Toy Testing Council, 1990. (ISBN 0-919235-174)

This book reports on in-home tests of most toys on the Canadian market. Listings include age range for the toy, its price and comments. A very useful guide.

Available from: Canadian Toy Testing Council Cost: \$8.95

Consumer Reports. Toy Buying Guide Mount Vernon,

N.Y.: Consumers Union, 1988. (ISBN 0-89043-091-8)

Buying guide based on a survey of more than 12,000 households. Rates hundreds of toys based on reports by toy safety experts.

Available from: Consumers Union Cost: \$9.00

Consumers Union. Consumer Reports Buying Guide.

Orangeburg, NY: Consumers Union, annual. (ISSN 0010-7174)

The December issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine is the annual compilation of test reports from the previous year's issues.

Available from: Consumers Union Cost: \$6.95 for guide, or available with subscription to Consumer Reports.

Jones, Sandy. Guide to Baby Products. 2nd. ed. Mount

Vernon: Consumers Union, 1989. (ISBN 0-89043-331-3-1)

Provides up to date buying advice on most baby products. Includes price guidelines, Consumer's Union recommendations and brand name ratings.

Available from: Consumers Union Cost: \$11.50

Parker, R. Wayne. The Computer Buyer's Handbook, How to Select and Buy Personal Computers. Seattle, Fast Forward Pub., 1991. (ISBN 0-9627370-6-2)

This handbook was written for the millions of computer shoppers today who need a sourcebook of reliable up-to-date advice on buying computers.

Available from: Fast Forward Publishers Cost: \$18.95

Pearson, Olen R. Personal Computer Buying Guide, Foolproof Advice on How to Buy Computer Software and Hardware. Mt. Vernon: Consumers Union, 1990. (ISBN 0-89043-336-4)

Comprehensive and easy to understand, this book provides you with the seven basic steps to PC buying that help you buy only what you need, avoid costly mistakes and get the most from your investment.

Available from: Consumers Union Cost: \$10.95

Consumer Guide magazine also publishes a number of specialty buyer guides. The publication quality, however, varies, and many of the guides provide descriptive information rather than critical evaluations.

CONSUMER BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

General

*Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Moving Out. Rev. ed. Edmonton: The Department, 1988.

A colourful, self-use publication with articles, charts, and an interview on topics of interest to people 16-20 years old. How to buy a used car, getting along with a roommate, avoiding scams in the marketplace, and coping with the cost of living are just a few of the topics.

Available from: Alberta Consumer and

Corporate Affairs

Box 1616

Cost: Free

*Clark, T.K. and Crane, F.G. Consumer Behaviour in Canada: Theory and Practice. Toronto: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Canada, 1990. (ISBN 0-7747-3103-6)

A text book which provides a Canadian perspective on consumer behaviour.

Available from: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich,

Canada

Cost: \$47.45

*Dupont, Elaine and Gaulin Huguette. The Consumer's Guide. Quebec [City]: Les Publications du Quebec, 1988. (ISBN 2-551-08296-X)

Shows you how to plan and manage your purchases in all avenues of living.

Available from: Les Publications du Quebec Cost: \$14.95

Advertising

*Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Mom Buy Me That. Edmonton: The Department, 1990.

An indispensable parents' guide to children's advertising. A colourful joint workbook for parents and their children aged 5 to 12, the booklet will help parents identify facts and issues concerning children's advertising.

Available from: Alberta Consumer and

Corporate Affairs

Box 1616

Cost: Free

Consumer Law

*Batten, Jack and Harris, Marjorie. Everyday Law: A Survival Guide for Canadians. Toronto: Key Porter, 1987. (ISBN 1-55013-041-2)

> A general reference book to inform Canadians about their rights and responsibilities and to explain how the Canadian legal system works.

Available from: Key Porter Cost: \$16.30

*Canadian Woman's Legal Guide. Toronto: Doubleday, 1987. (ISBN 0-385-25066-5)

A comprehensive and authoritative book dealing with women's rights in the home, workplace and legal system.

Available from: Doubleday Canada Ltd. Cost \$31.50

*Kronby, Malcolm C. Canadian Family Law. Rev. ed.

Toronto: Stoddart, 1991. (ISBN 0-7737-5424-5)

This straight-forward guide to Canadian law answers such questions as: What are the rights and obligations arising from "common-law" marriage? Do I need a "legal separation" before divorce? How does joint custody affect the parents and children?

Available from: Stoddart

Cost: \$12.95

$*Sterk, John.\, Alberta\,\, Conveyancing\,\, Law\,\, \&\,\, Practice.$

2nd ed. Toronto: Carswell, 1987. (ISBN 0-459-39870-9)

Intended as a convenient reference for those dealing with real estate and mortgage transactions on a regular basis. Contains examples of legal forms with instructions for proper completion and execution.

Available from: Carswell Legal Publications

Cost: \$56.00

*Student Legal Services of Edmonton. Consumer

Law. (Pamphlet) Edmonton: Student Legal Services, 1990.

Layman's guide to consumer law. Focuses on credit and buying and selling transactions.

Available from: Student Legal Services Cost: Free

Energy and Conservation

*Canada, Energy Mines and Resources. Residential Wood Heating, a Homeowner's Guide. Ottawa: The Dept., 1987. (ISBN 0-662-15415-0)

Information on the different types of wood-heating equipment and how to install and operate this equipment safely.

Available from: Renewable Energy Branch,

Energy, Mines and Resources

Canada

Cost: Free

Herbert, Ralph J. Cut Your Electric Bills in Half.

Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press, 1989. (ISBN 0-8787-818-8)

Herbert aims to show "consumers how to reduce their consumption of electricity and how to save money without sacrificing their life-style."

Available from: Rodale

Cost: \$12.95

Nisson, J.D. Ned & Dutt, Gautam. The

Superinsulated Home Book. New York: Wiley, 1985. (ISBN 0-471-88734-X)

Superinsulation is a method of designing and building houses using innovative methods and products. This resource volume contains pertinent information tested in the field.

Available from: John Wiley

Cost: \$25.50

Environmental Issues

*The Canadian Green Consumer Guide. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1991. (ISBN 0-7710-7147-7)

A discussion in a Canadian context of how each of us, as consumers, can take steps to prevent further harm to our environment.

Available from: McClelland & Stewart Cost: \$14.95

Caplan, Ruth. Our Earth, Ourselves. New York: Bantam, 1990. (ISBN 0-553-34857-4)

> A hands-on guide that provides practical advice on what we can do to reverse the damage already done to our air, water and land.

Available from: Bantam Books of Canada Cost: \$13.95

*Degler, Teri. The Canadian Junior Green Guide. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1990. (ISBN 0-7710-7157-4)

An easy-to-read, one-stop handbook for the fight against acid rain, global warming, too much garbage, and other environmental problems.

Available from: McClelland & Stewart Cost: \$12.95

50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth. Berkeley: Earthworks Press, 1989. (ISBN 0-929-634-063)

A book that shows people how to do something about global environmental problems.

Available from: Earthworks Press Cost: \$6.50

*Gordon, David (ed.). Green Cities: Ecologicallysound Approaches to Urban Space. Montreal: Black Rose Books, 1990. (ISBN 0-921689-54-3)

Imagine a city with clean waterways and wilderness corridors linking downtown wildlife preserves to the surrounding countryside. Imagine landscapes that require only water which comes as rain, and where central sewage systems are no longer used because neighbourhoods reprocess their own wastes. This is the image proposed in Green Cities.

Available from: University of Toronto Press Cost: \$20.50

Gribbin, John The Hole in the Sky, Man's Threat to the Ozone Layer. New York: Bantam, 1988. (ISBN 0-553-27537-2)

A full discussion of the past and present experiments and studies on the ozone layer and what can be done by you to prevent further damage.

Available from: Bantam Books of Canada Cost: \$4.95

*Griss, Paul The Daily Planet, A Hands-On Guide to A Greener Environment. Toronto: Key Porter, 1990.

(ISBN 1-55013-216-4)

The Daily Planet is a practical guide that shows you how to make small changes in your life-style that will ultimately have maximum benefits for the environment.

Available from: University of Toronto Press Cost: \$16.95

Hollender, Jeffrey A. How to Make The World A Better Place: A Guide To Doing Good. New York: Quill, 1990. (ISBN 0-688-08479-6)

Over 120 specific actions that will make a difference, from recycling tips and conservation techniques, to ideas on where you can invest your money so it will do the most good.

Available from: MacMillan Cost: \$13.95

Hynes, H. Patricia. Earth Right, What You Can Do in Your Home, Workplace and Community to Save Our Environment. Rocklin, Prima Pub., 1990. (ISBN 1-55958-027-5)

This is a guide to taking action, intended to give you information so that you will know how to make a difference.

Available from: McClelland & Stewart

Cost: \$15.00

*Johnson, Gordon K. Environmental Tips, How You Can Save This Planet. Calgary: Detselig, 1990. (ISBN 1-55059-011-1)

This book shows how adults and children can adopt useful "envirotips" to make a difference in our environment.

Available from: Detselig Enterprises Cost: \$13.95

*Johnson, Lorraine. Green Future: How to Make A World of Difference. Markham: Penguin, 1990. (ISBN 0-14-012301-6)

> Green Future explores the major issues and shows how each of us can make a difference, offering practical suggestions for positive action.

Available from: Penguin Books Canada Cost: \$14.95

*Lamb, Marjorie. 2 Minutes A Day For A Greener Planet. Toronto: Harper Collins, 1990. (ISBN 0-00-215682-2)

This book offers tips and common sense that people can put into use as they go about their daily life.

Available from: Harper & Collins Books Cost: \$14.95

MacEachern, Diane. Save Our Planet, 750 Ways You Can Help Clean Up The Earth. New York: Dell, 1990. (ISBN 0-440-50267-5)

Hundreds of tips to follow to make tangible progress towards restoring vitality to the earth.

Available from: Bantam Books of Canada Cost: \$12.95

Naar, Jon. Design For a Livable Planet, How You Can Help Clean Up The Environment. New York; Harper & Row, 1990. (ISBN 0-06-096387-5)

This book explains, in straightforward language, the causes and effects of environmental pollution and offers solutions - practical steps you can take to begin cleaning up and preventing further damage.

Available from: Harper Collins

Cost: \$16.95

Food and Nutrition

Bender, Arnold E. Health or Hoax? The Truth About Health Foods and Diets. Buffalo: Prometheus Books. 1986. (ISBN 0-87975-318-8)

> To help the consumer evaluate claims being made by the diet-aid and health-food industry.

Available from: Prometheus Books Cost: \$19.95

*Johns, Stephanie Bernardo. The Allergy Guide to Brand-name Foods and Food Additives. Scarborough: NAL, 1988. (ISBN 0-452-26059-0)

> This clear and concise reference will help all foodsensitive people make informed decisions and keep tight control on the foods they buy and eat.

Available from: New American Library Cost: \$14.50

Remington, Dennis W. *The Bitter Truth About*Artificial Sweeteners. Provo, Utah: Vitality House
International Inc., 1987. (ISBN 0-912547-049)

Discusses the problems associated with artificial sweeteners and suggests alternatives.

Available from: Vitality House International Inc. Cost: \$13.20

Health and Safety

Barrett, Stephen. Health Schemes, Scams and Frauds. Mount Vernon: Consumers Union, 1990. (ISBN 0-89043-330-5)

This updated edition provides vital consumer protection by helping the consumer identify and avoid health quackery.

Available from: Consumers Union Cost: \$19.50

Bausell, R. Barker. How to Evaluate and Select a Nursing Home. Reading: Addison Wesley, 1988. (ISBN 0-201-07263-7)

This book is designed to assist and direct you through the maze of terms, people and decisions required to evaluate and select a facility.

Available from: Addison-Wesley Publishers Ltd. Cost: \$12.00

*Berner, Mark S. The Canadian Medical Association Guide to Prescription and Over-The-Counter Drugs Montreal: Reader's Digest, 1990. (ISBN 0-88850-162-5)

> A guide for the general public, to increase your knowledge of drugs, what they are prescribed for, how to take them, how they work and what their side effects and possible drug interactions are.

Available from: Reader's Digest Cost: \$35.95

*Bohuslawsky, Maria. End of the Line: Inside Canada's Nursing Homes. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co., 1989. (ISBN 1-55028-290-5)

A picture of nursing homes in Canada which leaves no stones unturned. Many of the elderly suffer neglect and abuse while others profit from these institutions. There are also some who are trying to improve nursing homes, and seek positive alternatives.

Available from: James Lorimer & Co. Cost: \$16.95

The Columbia University School of Public Health:
Complete Guide to Health and Well-Being After
50. New York: Times Book, 1988.
(ISBN 0-8129-1325-6)

Learn how to cope with losses, how to recognize medical warning signs and what to do about them. Practical guidelines are given on how to change habits to be healthier.

Available from: Random House Cost: \$31.95

*Graedon, Joe and Graedon, Teresa. 50+: The Graedons' People's Pharmacy For Older Adults. Toronto: Bantam Books, 1988. (ISBN 0-553-33485-4)

Designed for people who are fifty or older, this book is a guide to prescription drugs, side effects and saving money with generics. It also discusses facts on life extension, overcoming anxiety, insomnia and depression, meeting nutritional needs and much more.

Available from: Bantam Books Cost: \$17.95

*A Guide To Homes For Seniors in Canada Don Mills: U Choose, 1988. (ISBN 0-919159-83-4)

A directory of homes for Senior Citizens which provides a comprehensive tool to use in your search for a retirement home.

Available from: Moving Publications Ltd. Cost: \$12.95

Jones, J. Alfred and Phillips, Gerald M.

Communicating With Your Doctor: Rx for Good Medical Care. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1988. (ISBN -0-8093-1367-7)

Learn how to get the best medical care with suggestions on how to select, evaluate and communicate with a doctor.

Available from: Southern Illinois University Press

Cost \$22.25

*Long, James W. The Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs. New York: Harper Collins, 1991. (ISBN 0-06-273067-3)

> This book provides information on generic and brand name drugs and the benefits and risks of many prescription drugs used today.

Available from: Harper Collins

Cost: \$19.00

Wolfe, Sidney M. Worst Pills, Best Pills: The Older Adult's Guide to Avoiding Drug Induced Death or Illness. Washington, Public Citizen Research Group, 1988. (ISBN 0-93718851-4)

Discusses, with actual examples, the dangers related to the use of prescription drugs by older adults.

Available from: Pantheon Books

Cost: \$16.95

Home-based Business

*Alberta Economic Development and Trade. Small Business Division. Small Business Series. Edmonton: Alberta Economic Development and Trade, 1989. (ISBN 1-55006-182-8)

> A series of booklets: Starting a Small Business; Financing a Small Business; Operating a Small Retail Business; Operating a Small Manufacturing Business; Operating a Small Service Business; Selecting a Small Business Computer System; Bookkeeping for a Small Business; Marketing for a Small Business.

Available from: Alberta Economic

Development and Trade,

Small Business Division

Cost: Free

*Cook, Peter D. Start Your Own Business, the Canadian Entrepreneur's Guide. Rev. Toronto: Stoddart, 1989. (ISBN 0-7737-5309-5)

This handbook offers practical advice on starting your own business and achieving financial independence.

Available from: Stoddart

Cost: \$14.95

*Gallander, Benjamin The Canadian Small Business Survival Guide, How to Start and Operate Your Own Successful Business. Willowdale, Hounslow, 1988. (ISBN 0-88882-094-1)

> This guide is designed to help the reader decide if a business venture is worthwhile and how to provide the material to help it thrive.

Available from: Hounslow Press

Cost: \$14.95

*Hynes, William G. Start and Run a Profitable Craft Business: A Complete Step-by-Step Business Plan. 2nd ed. Vancouver: Self-Counsel Press, 1986. (ISBN 0-88908-644-3)

This book provides step-by-step instructions for setting up and operating a successful craft business.

Available from: International Self-Counsel Press Cost: \$10.95

*Ontario. Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Research and Special Projects Branch. *Home* Occupations. Toronto: Ministry of Municipal Affairs, 1987. (ISBN 0-7729-2382-6)

Addresses home-based businesses from a planning and regulatory perspective, with an emphasis on Ontario.

Available from: Ontario Government Bookstore Cost: \$5.00

*Sheedy, Edna. Start and Run a Profitable Home-Based Business. Vancouver: International Self Counsel Press, 1990. (ISBN 0-88908-877-2)

A first year guide to starting a business and getting it running.

Available from: International Self Counsel Press Cost: \$12.95

Household Hints

*Arnett, Janet. 673 Ways to Save Money. Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1987. (ISBN 0-88902-975-X)

This book is a blueprint for cutting costs by several thousand dollars.

Available from: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Cost: \$9.50

Aslett, Don. How do I Clean the Moosehead? and 99 More Tough Questions About Housecleaning. New York: New American Library, 1989. (ISBN 0-452-26297-6)

One hundred interesting short chapters on difficult housecleaning.

Available from: New American Library Cost: \$9.95

Berthold-Bond, Annie. Clean & Green, The Complete Guide to Nontoxic and Environmentally Safe Housekeeping. Woodstock, Ceres Press, 1990. (ISBN 0-9606138-3-8)

This book is an excellent reference to help us reduce the manufacture, use and disposal of toxic substances.

Available from: Bookpeople Cost: \$14.50

Birnes, Nancy H. Cheaper and Better: Homemade Alternatives to Store Bought Goods. New York: Harper & Row, 1987. (ISBN 0-06-096057-4)

Lists homemade recipes, with known, safe and familiar ingredients for a multitude of items including: sweets; beverages; food; liqueurs; cleaners; gardens; children's play; decorating and cosmetics. An interesting guide for all self-sufficient consumers.

Available from: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Cost: \$17.95

Campbell, Jeff. Spring Cleaning. New York: Dell Trade Paper Work, 1989. (ISBN 0-440-50162-8)

> Jeff Campbell and the Clean Team show you how to save time when attacking major house-cleaning jobs.

Available from: Dell Trade Paper Work Cost: \$7.95

Florman, Monte. *How to Clean Practically Anything*. Rev. ed. Mount Vernon, N.Y.: Consumers Union of U.S. 1989. (ISBN 0-89043-284-8)

Explains the most efficient way to clean all kinds of household and personal items.

Available from: Consumer Reports Books Cost: \$11.50

*Groberman, Jeff and Yardley, Colin. *The Complete Garage Sale Book*. Toronto: General Publishing, 1987. (ISBN 0-7736-7131-5)

All the necessary steps to a successful garage sale are now at your fingertips. How to advertise, make your signs, price and lay out your items for display, handle cash and keep accounts, and even how to organize a neighbourhood garage sale.

Available from: General Publishing Cost: \$5.95

The Household Chartalog: 100 Charts of Kitchen Tips, Equivalents, Cleaning Hints...and Much Much More. New York: Collier Books, 1989. (ISBN 0-02-038101-8)

A compendium of critical facts that often seem to elude us related to the kitchen, entertaining, health and nutrition, first aid and safety, home and car care, the garden, travel and other essentials of day to day living.

Available from: Collier Books

Cost: \$10.95

*Mitchell, Harris. You Wanted to Know: Simple, Practical Answers to More Than 1,200 Common Household Problems. Rep. ed. Don Mills, Ont.: General, 1989. (ISBN 0-7737-5306-0)

A complete guide to do-it-yourself home maintenance and repair. Includes everything from attic insulation to restoring shrunken wool.

Available from: General Cost: \$9.95

*Reader's Digest Practical Problem Solver. Montreal: Reader's Digest, 1991. (ISBN 0-88850-166-8)

Practical Problem Solver is packed with helpful, easy-to-understand information on recycling and renewing. It also reveals how familiar household items can be used to solve commonplace problems.

Available from: Reader's Digest Cost: \$40.00

Rodale's Book of Shortcuts: Advice, Tips and Techniques. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press, 1988. (ISBN 0-87857-720-3)

This book on shortcuts will help you plan tasks and get results quickly.

Available from: Rodale Press Cost: \$21.95 Rodale's Complete Home Products Manual: the best guide for using and maintaining your appliances, tools, furnishings and more!
Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press, 1989.
(ISBN 0-87857-798-X)

A manual that shows you how to repair and maintain your furnishings and appliances.

Available from: Rodale Press Cost: \$14.85

Housing and Real Estate

*Goldenberg, David M. Mortgages and Foreclosure: Know Your Rights. 5th ed. Vancouver: International Self-Counsel Press, 1989. (ISBN 0-88908-853-5)

What are the rules about prepaying a mortgage? How easy is it to renew a mortgage? What will the bank do if I can't pay? Can my house be sold without my permission? An Alberta lawyer answers these and other questions.

Available from: International Self-Counsel Press Cost: \$7.60

Heldmann, Carl. Be Your Own House Contractor.

Pownal VT: Storey Communications, 1986. (ISBN 0-88266-410-7)

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A wealth of information for buyers, sellers, professionals and consumers. Includes discussions on: mortgages, leasing, lawyers' services, and buying a hotel, cottage or farm.

Available from: Stoddart Cost: \$26.95

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A guide for the real estate investor. Discusses the rewards and pitfalls of Canadian real estate investments.

Available from: Stoddart Cost: \$12.95

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This marketing directory lists companies that may be willing to insure unusual or "difficult to place" risks or classes of business.

Available from: Colander

Cost: \$15.00

*McLeod, William E. *The Canadian Buyer's Guide to Life Insurance*. 7th ed. Scarborough: Prentice-Hall, 1989.

The latest information on the different types of Canadian life insurance.

Available from: Prentice-Hall Canada Inc. Cost: \$8.87

Two sources of free and inexpensive Canadian insurance materials are:

Insurance Bureau of Canada #1105 - 10080 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 1V9 423-2212 Toll free: 1-800-232-7275

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc. 20 Queen St. W., #2500 Toronto, ON M5H 3S2 (416) 977-2221

Toll Free: 1-800-268-8099

Investments and Taxation

*Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

2000 A.D.: A Guide to Financial Awareness.

Rev. ed. Edmonton: The Department, 1989.

This easy-to-read booklet provides helpful information on financial planning, creating savings, investment alternatives and putting money to work to earn a profit.

Available from: Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs

Box 1616

Cost: Free

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Available from: Financial Awareness Corp. Cost: \$13.95

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Available from: International Self-Counsel Press Cost: \$6.95

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> If you are interested in investing in mutual funds but can't tell an open from a closed end fund, this book is for you. It examines the various types of funds, and assesses their potential as RRSP investments.

Available from: Random House Cost: \$8.95

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This is a standard source book for both investment adviser and the individual investor. Though American, it is a very good guide to investing.

Available from: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Cost: \$24.50

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Shows you how to obtain financing to start your franchise business and guides you through steps to achieve a successful franchise.

Available from: John Wiley and Sons Cost: \$18.95

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More than 180 tax-saving tips, plus some handy forms, can help ease you through the Canadian tax

Available from: International Self-Counsel Press Cost: \$7.95

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Surrey, Hancock House, 1990. (ISBN 0-88839-239-7)

A survey of investments for the '90s, with practical tips on how to make your mortgage deductible, advantages of RRSPs, and how to prosper in bad times.

Available from: Hancock House Publishers Cost: \$14.95

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Evelyn Jacks—tax columnist, editor, television producer/host, and business education instructor—explains complicated tax laws in an easy, non-technical manner.

Available from: Renouf Publishing Cost: \$15.45

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This book covers the issues involved in putting together an investment strategy, the risks involved and the benefits of diversifying.

Available from: Financial Times of Canada Cost: \$9.95

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Available from: Financial Times of Canada Cost: \$16.45

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Available from: Fraser Institute Cost: \$12.95

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Information you need to benefit from investing is here in manageable, bite-size pieces.

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Poor money management leads to paying more, doing without, and falling behind. Managing money is a skill everyone can learn. Taking Charge gets you started.

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This planning book offers practical strategies that demonstrate how you can achieve above-average financial security with a minimum of risk.

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Personal Finance For Canadians provides the basics of personal financial management. Part one, Financial Planning, shows how to assess goals, budget and plan income tax strategies. Part two, Financial Security, provides information on investments, possible risk and insurance. Part three covers all aspects of credit.

Available from: Prentice-Hall Cost: \$35.00

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This booklet helps determine whether you have debt problems and whether you are headed for consumer bankruptcy. It provides guidelines for resolving financial difficulties and avoiding them in the future.

Available from: Consumer and
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Cut Your Bills in Half: Thousands of Tips to Save Thousands of Dollars. Emmaus, Penn: Rodale Press, 1989. (ISBN 0-87857-818-8)

> How to cut your costs on food, clothing, transportation, furniture, home, education, travel and much more.

Available from: Sidall and Associates Cost: \$24.74

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Planning forms will help you develop an individual financial plan geared exclusively to your own lifestyle and goals.

Available from: Prentice-Hall

Cost: \$15.95

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An entertaining and educational game about personal finance. For two to four players, ages fourteen and up.

Available from: Moneywise, The Game

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Available from: Harper & Collins Books of Canada

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With self discipline, you can build wealth through mutual funds, stocks and bonds, RRSPs and real estate. The commitment to learn how to invest properly will help you achieve your goals.

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In the next decade you will need sound, sensible financial advice and you will find it in the pages of Sylvia Porter's Your Finances in the 1990s.

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Considered to be the single best source of financial advice for women, it now has been revised to include tax reform, and changes to pension and family law. Its new emphasis is on the working woman.

Available from: Key Porter Books Cost: \$16.95

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Among the services listed are: general information, retirement income, leisure opportunities, learning opportunities and legal services.

Available from: Senior Citizen's Advisory Council For Alberta

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Available from: Doubleday Cost: \$14.95

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> One of the Financial Times Personal Finance Library series, which discusses annuities, pensions and registered retirement income funds (RRIF).

Available from: Penguin Books Canada Ltd. Cost: \$12.95

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Considers the issues facing todays senior citizens including health, financial security, stretching the consumer's dollar and making an active contribution to society. It provides details on how to live comfortably.

Available from: Price Stern Sloan Inc. Cost: \$14.00

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A handy buyer's guide to new and used vehicles. Includes information on: automobile insurance and leasing; vehicle safety recalls; fuel consumption ratings; and the annual used car performance award.

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This book is for drivers who want to become better drivers, smarter car owners and informed consumers.

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A Canadian book that evaluates new vehicles for economy, reliability and safety. Advises when to buy a new car, lists dealer groups who give the best and worst service, and much more.

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A comprehensive guide to the decisions and procedures involved in purchasing a used car. Written by a lawyer, the book includes sample letters, a checklist and a purchase agreement contract.

Available from: Random House Cost: \$12.50

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Written for the person who knows very little about cars, this book offers advice on how to protect yourself from mechanics who lead you to excessive and unnecessary repair costs.

Available from: H.B. Fenn & Company Cost: \$13.95

While there are a number of car buyer guides available at local newstands, most of these publications do not critically evaluate automobile models. They are useful for information and car specifications. One example is Car and Driver's Buyers Guide.

Consumer Reports and Canadian Consumer magazine publish a list of recommended used cars in their April periodical.

The Automobile Protection Association has also published a "Complaint Kit". Membership in the Association entitles you to receive the kit and copies of their "Bulletin". The cost is \$25 per year and the Association is located at:

292 St. Joseph Boulevard West Montreal, PQ H2V 2N7

Libraries wishing to obtain notices of "Vehicle Recalls" and "Tire Recalls" should contact:

Transportation Canada Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Branch Tower C, 21st Fl., Place De Ville Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

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> This book gathers together some important elements of estate planning, as a quick and handy guide.

Available from: Carswell Cost: \$25.00

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> Detailed information on discount fares, frequent flyer programs and more. American oriented but some Canadian information is included.

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Available from: Bantam Books (Canada) Cost: \$10.95

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Want to buy or sell a franchise? Bev Cline's book is the one for you. Discusses both large and small operations, different opportunities, choosing a franchise, contacts, and franchising an established business.

Available from: Key Porter Books

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This book covers modes of travel, how to travel in safety and comfort, and how to make sure you get out of dangerous situations alive and well.

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Manual of Death Education and Simple Burial.
11th ed. Burnsville, N.C.: Celo Press, 1988.
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This book is a small encyclopedia on death related problems: social, emotional, philosophical and practical. It is written simply and sensitively, drawing on direct experiences.

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The public today is becoming disaffected with the corporate world and investors are demanding improved social responsibility from companies.

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Toronto: Key Porter Books, 1989. (ISBN 1-550213-152-4)

Covers every aspect of protecting your home, by the top name in residential and commercial security.

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This revised edition helps today's widow cope with the changes in the workplace and social activities.

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An Alberta couple present what to do in terms of planning, getting estimates, hiring a contractor, and signing the contract, right through to the "happy ending" of enjoying the home improvement.

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Cizek, Les. *Inspecting a House Before You Buy* Vancouver: AIM Educational Aids, 1985.

1 videocassette.

Covers the inspection of the roof and foundation as well as information on what to look for throughout the interior of the house and basement.

Available from: AIM Educational Aids Cost: \$60.00

*Consumer Fraud: Games Con Men Play. Toronto:

Canadian Learning, 1982.

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Learn how to avoid being ripped off by consumer fraud. Consumers cite examples of how they were taken in by mail fraud, bait and switch selling techniques and door-to-door con men.

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Irvine, CA: Karl-Lorimar, 1986.

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Keeping It on the Road ... Or, How to Get Your Car Fixed Right the First Time. Washington: Direct

Selling Education Foundation, 1986. 1 videocassette (15 min.): sd. colour; 1/2 in.

An automotive repair video designed for consumer agencies to show on local cable television channels. Accompanied by a manual which includes the script and instructions on how to use the video on cable or at community meetings.

Available from: The Direct Selling Education Foundation

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*Medical Legal Issues: Rights and Responsibilities.

Calgary: Access Network, 1983.

1 videocassette (30 min.): sd., colour; 1/2 in.

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*Revenue Canada Taxation. Stepping Through Your Tax Return. Ottawa, The Department, 1990.

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Available from: Revenue Canada Cost: Free

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